

COMPRESION AUDITIVA

EL INGENIOSO CABALLERO - CAPITULO 5/6: La historia de Don Quijote en seis capítulos con audio para nivel intermedio de inglés. **Para tu comodidad, a lo largo el texto hemos intercalado un vocabulario bilingüe. Descarga el audio a tu reproductor portátil y practica inglés mientras viajas.**



THE INGENIOUS KNIGHT

GOOD KING SANCHO.

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Don Quixote and Sancho Panza left the inn and forgot about the monkey and the theatre company. They were happier on the road. But Sancho began to think about his home and family.

inn: posada; **happier:** más felices; **on the road:** en ruta;

'Sir, I felt strange when I met that monkey. How did it know about my wife? Perhaps I'll go home and look after my family. Is it better to be your squire or a husband and father? Also, at home I have food and wine every day, and I have a bed a night. With you, I have two metres of hard ground at night and nothing in my stomach.'

'It's your life, Squire Sancho,' said Don Quixote. 'Take the road to your house or follow me. I'll pay you for your work. How much will it be?'

'I worked for the father of Sanson Carrasco, sir, when I was young. He paid me two ducats each month. He also gave me a good dinner at night and a nice bed. I never have these things from you.'

when I met: cuando me topé con; **squire:** escudero; **hard ground:** suelo duro; **how much will it be?:** ¿cuánto resultará eso?; **ducat:** ducado (moneda de oro antigua);

'What do you think, Sancho? How much for your work and for food? And don't forget the bed!'

'I think three ducats for my work. And two ducats more because I'm not going to be a king now.'

A king? Where does that idea come from? Did I say that, Squire Sancho?'

'I remember your words very well,' said Sancho Panza. 'I was twenty years younger, and you were too.'

Don Quixote started to laugh, but it was a cold laugh. 'Twenty years! No, Sancho, that's not possible – two months, perhaps. But take my money, and go home. I hope that you're happier there. But you'll never be a king. I won't find a small country for you. You're a donkey, not a king. You'll be a donkey

today, tomorrow and after you die.'

where does that idea come from?: ¿de dónde sacaste esa idea?; **started to laugh:** comenzo a reirse; **donkey:** burro; **after you die:** después de morirte;

Sancho Panza felt sorry and began to cry. 'Sir', he said, 'you're right! I really am a donkey. Don't listen to me. I haven't got a lot of ideas in my head. Sometimes I talk too much. Please, I don't want to stop being your squire. I'd like twenty more years with you.'

'OK,' Don Quixote said. 'I'll give you your job back this time. And I'll find a country for you too. We'll have another twenty years and a lot of new adventures!'

too much: demasiado, en exceso; **I'll give your job back:** te devolveré tu puesto de trabajo; **this time:** por esta vez;

That night, the knight and his squire slept under another tree. In the morning they saw some people on fine horses on the road.

'Look at these rich people, sir,' said Sancho Panza.

'Sancho, do you see the beautiful woman on the white horse? Run to her. Say that Don Quixote de la Mancha, the Knight of the Lions, wants to meet her. Speak nicely to her.'

Sancho ran to the woman. 'Madam, my knight, Don Quixote de la Mancha, is near here. He wants to speak to you. He'll help you in some way. People call him the Knight of the Lions.'

'Wait! I have a book about this knight,' said the lovely rich woman. 'Does he love a girl with the name Dulcinea del Toboso?'

'That's right! And I'm Don Quixote's squire. My name is...'

'You're Sancho Panza. Am I right?'

'Yes, madam. I am.' Sancho Panza felt very happy. A beautiful, important woman knew his name.

'My name is Doña Maria,' the woman said. 'I want to invite you and your knight to my castle. It's very near here. Please tell your knight.'

knight: caballero; **run to her:** corre hacia ella; **speak nicely:** háblale amablemente; **castle:** castillo;

Sancho Panza found Don Quixote and told him about the woman on the white horse. The two men then went quickly back to Doña Maria. The woman was very excited. She thought, 'My husband and I read about this strange man and his adventures in a book by Cide Hamete Benengeli. We're going to enjoy our time with him and his squire. We'll play some funny games with them. People don't usually follow ideas from old books. But Don Quixote is really living the life of a knight. This is very interesting!'

'Let's go to my castle,' Doña Maria said to Don Quixote and Sancho Panza. 'You'll meet my husband, Don Carlos, there.'

excited: entusiasmada; **funny games:** trucos divertidos;

That evening after dinner, Don Quixote talked to Don Carlos and his beautiful wife.

'I'm going to find a small country for Sancho Panza one day,' said Don Quixote. 'He'll be the king of the place.'

'I have a small country!' shouted Don Carlos excitedly. 'The old king died this year. Sancho Panza can be the king of Baratario.'

'I would like to try,' said Sancho Panza. 'A good squire will be a good king, I

think. Can I take my donkey with me? I know that many donkeys work for kings. And many kings are donkeys.'

Doña Maria laughed at these words. She liked Sancho Panza very much and enjoyed his conversation. 'Now, Squire Sancho, go to bed and sleep well. You'll have a lot of work tomorrow.'

enjoyed: disfrutó;

When everybody in the house was asleep, Don Carlos and Doña Maria talked and laughed about their strange visitors. 'We'll have to tell the five thousand people in the town of Baratario about King Sancho so they're ready for him, their first king,' said Don Carlos. 'When he arrives, the people can't laugh at him. They have to meet their king and take him to the castle. We can't tell Sancho Panza about our game. Later, we'll enjoy many stories about the town's fat little king.'

asleep: dormido; **strange visitors:** extraños visitantes; **five thousand people:** cinco mil personas; **ready:** listos, preparados; **the town's fat little king:** el pequeño y obeso rey del pueblo;

At the same time, Don Quixote had an interesting conversation with Sancho. 'This is wonderful. Tomorrow you'll be the King of Baratario.'

'Thank you for this, sir. Do you think that I'll be a good king?'

'Yes! But remember your old life – when you weren't a rich or an important man. And don't forget your friends and family. Help people when you can. Cut your hair and wash every day. Wear clean clothes and good shoes. Don't ask for a lot of money. Walk slowly. Speak quietly. Drink very little wine.'

'Thank you, Don Quixote,' said Sancho Panza. 'But I can't remember all of that. Can you write your words on paper for me? I know I can't read. But a king has helpers. They can read these words to me every day.'

'But a king has to read and write,' said Don Quixote. 'Can you write your name?'

'Yes, I learned that from Sanson Carrasco's father. But do you think I'm going to be good at this job? I don't have to be a king. I can be the old Sancho and be happy.'

'These are intelligent words. My plan worked. You're ready now for the people of Baratario. You'll be a king and I'll be your knight.'

you weren't: no eras; **wear clean clothes:** vístete con ropas limpias; **very little:** muy poco; **all of that:** todo eso; **helpers:** servidores; **can you write?:** ¿sabes escribir?; **my plan worked:** mi plan funcionó;

The next day, Sancho Panza dressed in fine clothes and went to his new country. The important men of the town of Baratario met their new king at the church. Then they took him to his castle. King Sancho sat down and waited. He wanted to begin his job.

'King Sancho, you are the king of a very important country, so you have many important jobs,' said one of his new helpers.'

'Yes, I understand,' said Sancho Panza. 'And I want to be a good king. What is my first job?'

'There are many problems in Baratario. You will have to find answers to every problem, big and small,' said the helper.

'I'll be very busy,' said Sancho. 'Will I have time for food or sleep?'

'No, not really. The king has to help his people night and day. Look, here is

your first problem.'

met: se encontraron con; **very busy:** muy ocupado;

Two old men came into the room. One of the men used a walking stick because his legs weren't very strong.

'Please tell me about your problem,' said Sancho Panza to the old man without a walking stick.

'Sir, last year my friend asked me for some money, but only for a month or two. I gave him two ducats. But after more than a year, I'm waiting for my money. Now my friend says that he gave me the money in April. Perhaps he gave me my money, but I can't remember.'

'How can I help?' asked Sancho Panza.

Ask him about the money. You're the king. He'll tell you".

'What do you say about this, old man with the walking stick?' Sancho Panza asked the second man.

'Sir, I gave the money back to him in April,' said the second man.

'Will you put your hands on the Bible and repeat those words?' asked Sancho Panza.

'Yes, I will,' said the second old man. Then he turned to his friend. 'Please take my walking stick for a minute.'

Then he put his two hands on the Bible. 'I haven't got my friend's two ducats. I gave this money back to him.'

'Are you happy now?' King Sancho asked the first old man.

'Yes, perhaps he did give me my money, and I forgot about it.'

Then the second old man took his walking stick again and the two friends left the room.

walking stick: bastón; **the Bible:** la Biblia;

Sancho Panza sat in the king's chair and thought about the two ducats. Suddenly he shouted, 'Bring those two old men back to me.' When they were in front of Sancho Panza, he looked at them carefully. 'Give me your walking stick,' he said to the second old man.

'Here it is, sir,' said the man.

King Sancho broke the stick and two ducats fell on the floor.

Sancho turned and spoke to the first old man. 'When you came here, your friend gave the walking stick to you and then he put his hands on the Bible. When he finished talking, he took the walking stick – and your money – back. But I understood his game. Now you've got your money again. Take it and go home.'

suddenly: de repente; **he shouted:** él gritó; **bring ... back:** traigan; **broke the stick:** partió el bastón; **fell on the floor:** cayeron al piso;

Sancho Panza worked very hard and helped the people of Baratario in many other ways. He put better and cheaper food and wine in the shops. Clothes and shoes were cheaper too. He helped the people with problems with the banks and paid them the right number of ducats for their work. Under King Sancho, families could walk happily at night in the clean, friendly streets and parks. He was, the people of Baratario thought, an intelligent and good king. But Sancho Panza wasn't very happy in Baratario because he never got a good breakfast, lunch or dinner. Three times a day, he sat down at his table. The cook put food on his plate, but then the king's doctor looked at

the food. 'Wait, sir! This isn't food for a king. Take it away!' he shouted. In the end, Sancho Panza was very angry. 'Doctor, leave this castle and don't come back,' he shouted. 'I want to eat!'

in many other ways: de muchas variadas maneras; **cheaper:** más económico; **paid them:** les pagaba; **friendly:** acogedoras; **cook:** cocinero; **take it away:** llévelo;

But then a letter came from Don Carlos. It read: 'King Sancho, be careful. There are bad men in Baratario. They want to kill you. Don't eat the food from your table.'

This was another of Don Carlos's games. He and Doña Maria enjoyed hearing the stories about Baratario's king.

Sancho Panza felt afraid, but he was also angry. 'I can't live without food,' he shouted. He had some bread and water for dinner. He was very hungry when he went to bed.

In the night, Sancho Panza heard a lot of loud noise. 'Wake up, King Sancho', his helpers shouted. 'There are men outside the town walls. They want to take Baratario from us. Please help your people!'

it read: decía; **be careful:** ten cuidado; **felt afraid:** sintió miedo; **angry:** disgustado; **without food:** sin comida; **loud noise:** fuertes ruidos; **wake up:** despiértese; **outside the town walls:** fuera de las murallas; **to take Baratario from us:** quitarnos a Baratario;

'I'm not a fighter. Call for Don Quixote. He loves a good fight.'

'No, you're our king. Put on your suit of armour and stop these men.'

They brought Sancho Panza a suit of armour. It was very small, and he couldn't move in it. Then the lights went out, and he fell to the floor. He couldn't see anything or anybody. There was a lot of noise and smoke. Men ran in and out of the king's bedroom. Some men jumped over the king. Some kicked him. Everybody shouted.

Then suddenly the noise stopped, and the game ended. The king's men cried, 'We won! Baratario is ours! Stand up, King Sancho. You're now Sancho the Great!'

fighter: luchador; **call for:** llamen a; **suit of armour:** traje de armadura; **they brought:** le trajeron a; **went out:** se apagaron; **ran in and out:** entraban y salían corriendo; **jumped over:** saltaron sobre; **kicked him:** le dieron puntapiés; **ended:** acabó; **we won:** ganamos; **stand up:** póngase de pie;

But Sancho Panza didn't want to be a king. In the morning, he spoke to the people of Baratario. 'I came here without a penny, and I'm leaving without a penny. I think that is a good thing in a king. But I wasn't born for this life. I'm going to go back on the road with my knight, Don Quixote de la Mancha. Goodbye.'

without a penny: sin un céntimo; **I wasn't born for this life:** no nací para esta vida;

COMING SOON! CHAPTER 6/6